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SUBJ: IRA CEASEFIRE ANNOUNCEMENT: VIEW FROM DUBLIN

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1. DUBLIN PRESS MORNING FEBRUARY 10 GAVE EXTENSIVE COVERAGE TO PROVISIONAL IRA ANNOUNCEMENT EVENING FEBRUARY 9 OF INDEFINITE SUSPENSION OF ITS CAMPAIGN OF VIOLENCE IN NORTHERN IRELAND AND GREAT BRITAIN. PRESS REPORTED THAT IRISH REPUBLICAN PUBLICITY BUREAU ISSUED STATEMENT THAT CEASEFIRE HAD BEEN REESTABLISHED "IN THE LIGHT OF DISCUSSIONS WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REPUBLICAN MOVEMENT AND BRITISH OFFICIALS ON EFFECTIVE ARRANGEMENTS TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS NO BREAKDOWN OF A NEW TRUCE." STATEMENT WENT ON TO CHALLENGE IRISH MINISTER FOR JUSTICE TO NAME INTERMEDIARIES WHO REPORTEDLY CONVEYED TO HIM IRA THREAT TO LIVES OF TWO CABINET MEMBERS IN EVENT OF DEATH OF PORTLAOISE HUNGER STRIKER. IRA HAD PREVIOUSLY DENIED THAT ANY SUCH THREAT HAD BEEN MADE.

2. DUBLIN PRESS REPORTED THAT SOURCES CLOSE TO PROVOS SAID THAT RENEWED CEASEFIRE DID NOT MEAN THAT PORTLAOISE HUNGER STRIKERS

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WOULD BE ASKED TO CALL OFF THEIR PROTEST. PRESS ALSO COMMENTED

THAT "EFFECTIVE ARRANGEMENTS" REFERRED TO IN IRA STATEMENT ARE BELIEVED TO INVOLVE COMMITMENT BY STORMONT THAT MEETINGS BETWEEN SENIOR OFFICIALS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF PROVISIONAL SINN FEIN WILL CONTINUE. FINALLY, PRESS REPORTED THAT PROVISIONAL IRA UNITS ARE BEING TOLD BY THEIR LEADERS THAT THERE WILL BE A SPEEDY WITHDRAWAL TO BARRACKS BY 14,000 BRITISH TROOPS IN NORTHERN IRELAND ONCE A FORM OF PEACE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED.

3. ANNOUNCEMENT OF RENEWED CEASEFIRE WAS WELCOMED BY DUBLIN PRESS. IRISH MINISTER FOR JUSTICE COONEY WAS QUOTED AS SAYING HE WAS "VERY PLEASED." GOVERNMENT SOURCES WERE REPORTED AS SAYING, HOWEVER, THAT THEY THOUGHT IT UNLIKELY THAT THE CEASEFIRE ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD HAVE ANY EFFECT ON GOVERNMENT DETERMINATION NOT TO CONCEDE CHIEF DEMANDS MADE BY IRA HUNGER STRIKERS IN PORTLAOISE PRISON, SOME OF WHOM ARE NOW AT CURRAGH MILITARY HOSPITAL.  
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